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Supply of rice to South Kanara in 1952 and 1953.

* 778 Q.—SRI T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the quantity of rice supplied on Government account to South Kanara in 1952 and 1953?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The quantity of rice supplied to South Kanara district in 1952 and 1953 on Government account is as follows :—

Year.	*Quantity in tons.*
(1)	(2)
1952	6,030
1953	10,480 "

Construction of a road through Bandadka in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara.

* 779 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP (on behalf of Sri M. Narayanan Nambiar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government for the construction of a road through the villages of Bandadka, Kuthikol, Bedakka and Kolathur and for joining it with the Thekkil road in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMY PADAYACHI :—" The villages referred to have to be served by three village roads. These three roads are not included in the five-year plan of road development. The South Kanara District Board has been asked to propose the inclusion of these works in the second five-year plan of road development when proposals are called for."

Opening of a Land Mortgage Bank at Coondapoor.

* 780 Q.—SRI T. ANANTA PAI (on behalf of Sri Y. Manjaya Shetty) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the co-operators of Coondapoor taluk to start a Land Mortgage Bank at Coondapoor by bifurcating the Land Mortgage Bank at Udipi; and

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Government consider that it is not advisable to open a new Land Mortgage Bank for Coondapoor.",

Sugar factories in the State.

* 781 Q.—SRI T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of sugar factories in the State;

(b) the total quantity of sugar output in these factories; and

(c) the quantity of sugar imported annually into the State?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) There are four sugar factories in the State now, viz.,

(1) The East India Distilleries and Sugar Factory, Limited, Nellikuppam (South Arcot district).

(2) The Madura Sugars and Allied Products, Pandiarajapuram (Madurai district).

(3) The Deccan Sugars and Abkari Company, Limited, Pugalur (Tiruchirappalli district).

(4) Murugappa Sugar and Company, Limited, Mailpatti (North Arcot district).

The last one is not working at present.

" (b) The total output of sugar in the first three factories during the past three years is as follows :—

	TONS.
1950–51	41,113
1951–52	43,610
1952–53	28,146

" (c)

1950–51	46,598
1951–52	46,142
1952–53	34,807
1953–54	75,945 "

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question or similar questions have come a number of times before the House."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir. But, sugar is so sweet and in this hot summer, you may kindly allow some indulgence to hon. Members."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Whereas the prices paid to the sugarcane growers have been considerably lowered according to the SISMA formula, will Government be pleased to state why the price of sugar sold in the market is still high? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, this question does not arise out of the main question. However, if the hon. Member puts a separate question, I shall try to answer."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Sir, in order to meet the deficit in sugar production in the State, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to attract promoters to open more sugar factories in the State? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think, Sir, that Government need do anything to attract promoters. Promoters are enterprising enough to locate factories where sugarcane is likely to be grown and where their venture is likely to be successful."

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SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" இந்த சர்க்கரை ஆலைகளில் வெள்ளைக் காரருக்குச் சொந்தமான கம்பெனிகள் எத்தனை ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Perhaps two companies, Sir, namely, the East India Distilleries and Sugar Factories, Limited, Nellikuppam and the Deccan Sugars and Allied Products, Limited, Pandiarajapuram, in which the Britishers have got large interests."

8-40 a.m. SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of the shortage of sugar, will the Government be pleased to encourage the production of refined palm jaggery? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" In several districts where sugarcane is grown jaggery is produced."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" 1952-53-ம் ஆண்டிலே உற்பத்தி மிகவும் குறைவாக காணப்படுகிறதே, அதன் காரணம் என்ன ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That was because even the Pugalur factory was closed and there was no sugarcane available. There was also trouble between the sugarcane growers and the factory."

Repairs to the Ennore High Road, Madras.

* 782 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether there is any proposal for repairing the Ennore High Road from Tondiarpet to Tiruvottiyur, Madras?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The portion of the road in mile 6/3–8 which is slightly worn out is proposed to be provided with a wearing coat during 1954–55. The rest of the road is in fairly good condition."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister why the road has been neglected for the past twenty years? May I also know the length of the road from Tondiarpet to Tiruvottiyur and the estimated cost of its repair? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I cannot give any explanation with reference to neglect for the last twenty years. I am not responsible for it. Anyhow, I have stated that the road has been in a worn-out condition and that it has to be repaired."

Amendment to the by-laws of the Vikramasingapuram Harvey Mills Employees' Co-operative Stores.

* 783 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies received a copy of the resolution passed on 21st June 1953 by the general